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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 and claims 13-24 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof.

- (currently amended) A capacitor cell comprising:
   one or more anodes, wherein said anodes comprise at least one of
   <u>a tantalum material and an aluminum material</u>;
   one or more cathodes operatively associated with the anodes;
   an electrolyte operatively associated with the anodes and the
   cathodes;
- one or more separators provided in between the anodes and the cathodes to prevent internal electrical short circuit conditions and to allow sufficient movement of the electrolyte within the a capacitor cell; and
- one or more surfactants disposed on at least a portion of the one or more separators wherein the one or more surfactants enhance the wettability and absorption of the one or more separators.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the one or more separators include one or more separator materials selected from the group consisting of nonwoven polymers, microporous polymers, track etched materials and papers.

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- 3. (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 2 wherein the one or more separators include one or more separator materials selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyethylene, polypropylene, polycarbonate, polytetrafluoroethylene, Kraft paper and Manila paper.
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the one or more surfactants are selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, dextran, agarose, alginate, polyacrylamide, polyglycidol, polyvinyl alcohol-co-polyethylene, poly(vinyl acetate-co-vinyl alcohol), polyacrylic acid, polyamide, polypeptides, poly-lysine, polyethyleneimine, poly-.beta.-mallc acid, hyaluronic acid, derivatives of hyaluronic acid, polysaccharides, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and combinations or copolymers thereof.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the one or more separators are impregnated with the one or more surfactants.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the one or more surfactants are mixed with the electrolyte.

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- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 6 wherein the one or more separators are crosslinked with a crosslinking reagent.
- 9. (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 8 wherein the crosslinking reagent is selected from the group consisting of aldehydes, epoxides, acyl halides, alkyl halides, isocyanates, amines, anhydrides, acids, alcohols, haloacetals, aryl carbonates, thiols, esters, imides, vinyls, azides, nitros, peroxides, sulfones, maleimides, vinyl sulfone, succinyl chloride, polyanhydrides, poly-B-malic acid, ethylene glycolbis-succinimidyl succinate, succinimidyl succinate-polyethylene glycol, and succinimidyl succinamide-polyethylene glycol.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the
  capacitor cell is arranged in a substantially flat, coiled configuration.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the capacitor cell is arranged in a cylindrical coiled configuration.
- (original) A capacitor cell according to claim 1 wherein the capacitor cell is arranged in a stacked configuration.

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13.-24. (canceled)